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**SAVANNAH, Ga.** - In a battle of the last two unbeaten in Division II men's tennis, No. 3-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University blazed past top-ranked Valdosta State, 7-2, on Friday afternoon at Bacon Park in Savannah.

For the Pirates (14-0), it was a modicum of revenge against the last team that handed Armstrong a loss in the regular season. Valdosta State (11-1) knocked off the Pirates, 5-4, on April 10 of last season and went all the way to the National Championship match.

Doubles provided tense moments on both sides as the Pirates took a 2-1 lead - and nearly had a 3-0 advantage. No. 8-ranked **Eudaldo Bonet** and **Daniel Regan** started off by collecting an 8-6 win over No. 39-ranked Konstantin Kutschenko and Otto Lenhart at No. 3 doubles. Top-ranked **Rafael Array** and **Mikk Irdoja** survived an early break to knock off the No. 2-ranked duo of Daniel Dueren and Christian Hansen, 8-5, at No. 1 doubles.

The No. 20-ranked duo of **Matus Mydla** and **Pedro Scocuglia** trailed No. 3-ranked Philip Pakebusch and Luis Loeffler, 6-2, but battled back to go up 8-7 and serve for the match. Valdosta State broke the serve, sending the match to a tiebreaker. Mydla and Scocuglia fell behind 5-0 in the tiebreaker, battled back again to tie the breaker at 6-6, but Pakebusch and Loeffler prevailed, 10-8, to earn the point.

Armstrong earned first-set wins in four of the six singles matches to take an early advantage in singles play. No. 30-ranked Mydla gave the Pirates their first point with a 6-0, 6-2 win over No. 25-ranked Hansen at No. 3 singles. Scocuglia followed with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Lenhart at No. 6 singles, while Kutschenko soon notched a singles win for the Blazers with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over No. 21 Regan.

All three of the last singles matches went to straight sets. No. 4-ranked Irdoja used an early break in the third set to down No. 6 Pakebusch, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, to clinch the match for Armstrong. Soon after, No. 2-ranked Bonet claimed a 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-1 win over No. 8-ranked Dueren at No. 2 singles. No. 13-ranked Array closed out the match with a 5-7, 6-1, 6-0 win over No.

22-ranked Loeffler at No. 4 singles.

The Pirates return to action on Sunday, March 27, hosting No. 17-ranked Francis Marion in Peach Belt Conference action at Bacon Park.



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